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In re Application of Robert J. DiStasio, et al.

Serial No. 10/015,408

Examiner James Smith

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Group 3723

For: Removal Tool for Locking Nut, Bolt and Clip Systems and Assemblies

RESPONSE

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Sir:

This is a response to the Communication dated December 23, 2004 and November 10, 2004.

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Applicant elects the species in FIG. 30i, without traverse. The following claims read on FIG.

30i: claims 1 - 8; claims 24 - 29; claims 45 - 53.

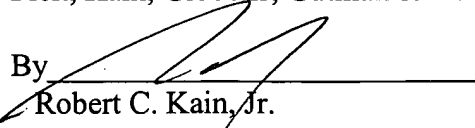
Applicant retains the right to seeks patent protection on the removal tool in a divisional or a continuation patent application.

No traverse. Claims not specified herein do not fall within elected species. The inventorship associated with the above identified claims is correct. **The election set forth herein is consistent with the pending parent case.**

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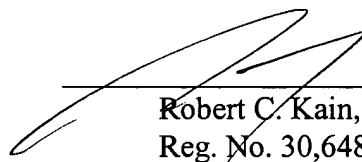
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